

It is no small task to manage a farmer's co-operative in Kansas. Long days and an unpredictable harvest can make the job a thankless one. Agriculture is the backbone of the Kansas economy. And Ellsworth County is squarely settled in the heart of farm country, bordered on all sides by the vast fields and pastures that make my state the breadbasket of America.

While employed at the Ellsworth Co-operative, Mr. Dlabal also took time to serve his community by volunteering in several civic organizations. Throughout his career he was a part of the Ellsworth County Commission, Ellsworth School board, Ellsworth Library board, FFA Advisory board, and the Knights of Columbus. In his industry, he served on the boards of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, the Co-operative Marketing Association, the Farmers Marketing Company and the Kansas Farmers Service Association.

Mr. Dlabal exemplifies what a community leader is all about. However, his most important role has been as husband to Lillian for 58 years and father to Joan, Deborah, Angie and Pam. Through his role as a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Mr. Dlabal provides an example by living his own life through a set of high personal standards. He would not settle for doing anything that bent any rules; anything other than honesty was completely unacceptable to him.

Madam Speaker, this man has made Kansas a better place to live through his devotion as a community leader and family man. Mr. Pete Dlabal not only served in our military, but served the agriculture industry and farmers of central Kansas. Although he has made an immeasurable impact through his professional and personal life, he remains a humble individual. Today we take a moment to simply say "thank you" and wish him well in a much-deserved retirement.

#### CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA

#### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Vadnais Heights, Minnesota's 50th anniversary.

The history of Vadnais Heights began with many French Canadian families first settling the area. Families including the Bibeau, Garceau, Morrisette, and Vadnais families arrived in the 1840's. The city's namesake, Mr. Jean Vadnais, and his family made their home in 1846 on the southeast side of the lake that became known as Vadnais Lake. In 1858, the same year that Minnesota became a state, this area became part of White Bear Township.

On July 23, 1957, with a population of approximately 2,000, area residents voted to incorporate as the Village of Vadnais Heights. Within a month, on August 20th, residents elected the new village's first officials. In 1974, the village became the City of Vadnais Heights and adopted the Council-Manager form of government which it continues today.

Vadnais Heights is home to a treasured scenic and recreational area—Vadnais-Sucker

Lake Regional Park. This beautiful park features 1,200 acres of wetlands, woods, trails, and lakes. In addition, there are more than 100 acres of park land in Vadnais Heights.

Since its incorporation 50 years ago, the City has grown from a small, farming community to a lively suburban community with strong neighborhoods, prosperous businesses, and abundant open spaces.

Madam Speaker, in honor of the vibrant history of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota and the events celebrating it, I am pleased to submit this statement for the Congressional Record recognizing Vadnais Heights' 50th anniversary.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE ENHANCED METHAMPHETAMINE TREATMENT GRANTS ASSISTANCE ACT

#### HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2007

Ms. HOOLEY. Madam Speaker, battling the meth epidemic is one of my top priorities here in Congress. Last year we passed the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act and I was pleased that the legislation included several important international meth precursor controls that I drafted. We've made good progress with controlling the supply of meth precursors and other enforcement issues, but so far treatment issues have been largely neglected.

This is why I am introducing the Enhanced Methamphetamine Treatment Grants Assistance Act. My legislation will create three separate grant programs under SAMHSA, each one targeted at a particular treatment need.

The first grant program will award grants to community organizations to coordinate wrap-around services for meth addicts rejoining the community. I've heard over and over again just how important these wrap-around services are, like housing and transportation assistance, job training and ongoing mental health counseling. Meth treatment does not end when an addict leaves a treatment facility. They need comprehensive services that will help keep them off meth and rebuild their lives, which is why my bill will help communities build a network of these vital wrap-around services.

The second grant program is an expansion of the existing substance abuse treatment program for pregnant and postpartum women to include all parents. Priority will still be given to those pregnant and postpartum women, but we're also going to make sure that parents can get treatment too so that they can get clean and keep their children out of the foster care system.

Finally, the third grant program will target those addicts who actively seek treatment, only to find out that they will have to wait months before a bed will be available to them. My legislation directs grant money to treatment programs that are going to target the people who just can't get treatment, no matter how badly they want it, so they don't have to go through the criminal justice system to receive help.

I am committed to expanding treatment resources so providers have the resources to reach more people and addicts can get the help they need. I urge my colleagues to join

me in this goal and to support the Enhanced Methamphetamine Treatment Grants Assistance Act.

#### TRIBUTE TO CRYSTLE STEWART, MISS TEXAS USA 2008

#### HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2007

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to commemorate the accomplishment of one of my most remarkable constituents: Crystle Stewart. Formally Miss Fort Bend County, Crystle was recently crowned Miss Texas USA.

I am very proud that for the second year in a row a resident of the 22nd District has worn the Miss Texas USA crown. These successes prove true what I've known for quite some time—my district is home to the most intelligent, sophisticated and talented women in the country.

I commend Crystle not only because she brings a great deal of pride to Fort Bend, but because she truly is a role model for young women throughout Texas. Crystle bested 121 other contestants in this year's pageant, and is also only the second African-American woman to win Miss Texas USA, and the first in more than a decade.

Her triumph is a milestone, to be sure, but it is also a study in perseverance. Finishing as runner-up in both 2006 and 2007 and third runner up in 2005, Crystle never lost sight of her goal. Most importantly, Crystle is also a disciplined student. Throughout years of pageants and modeling, she has remained dedicated to her academic career, and is a hard-working student of consumer science and merchandising at the University of Houston.

I congratulate Crystle. She is a young woman with a very bright future ahead of her, and I know she will honor our great State at the Miss USA contest and beyond.

#### TRIBUTE TO POLICE OFFICER RUSSEL TIMOSHENKO

#### HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2007

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, just over a week ago, the city of New York lost one of its brave heroes. Police officer Russel Timoshenko of Staten Island was murdered in cold blood by a career criminal during what should have been a routine traffic stop in Brooklyn. He was only 23.

Officer Timoshenko was also a constituent of mine, and his death reminds us how precious life is . . . and how it can be stolen from us in an instant.

Officer Timoshenko embodied the American dream. He was born and raised in the former Soviet republic Belarus. His parents, Tatyana and Leonid, brought him to this country as a young boy in 1993 to give him a better life. They didn't speak English and arrived with almost nothing—all for their son. Russel grew up in Staten Island and, ultimately, chose to give back to the city he loved so much. He